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Dear Bob:

One of the items we discussed with the Advisory Committee on Computer Science and Computing at its last meeting was whether or not to divide the Committee. The Committee's views on this issue have informed our deliberations over the past several months leading to the following conclusions.

We would like the Committee to have two sessions in 1982-83. The first, in the Autumn, would focus on the University's computer sciences programs; the second, in the winter or spring, would advise on University-wide activities, e.g., networking. Attached are charges for each of these sessions. We expect that present members of the Committee would find one of the sessions of the particular interest and choose to attend it. Of course, some members might elect to attend both sessions although we do not wish to ask for that much time from busy schedules. Depending on the outcome of this self-selection we might add one or two new individuals to a session.

Our objectives are multiple. First, and foremost, we want to insure that appropriate members of the Committee are able to review our programs in computer science and instructional computing without the distractions of also addressing institutional-wide subjects such as text handling and networking. Second, we must draw the Deans of Humanities and Sciences and of Engineering into the Committee's deliberations on our programs in computer science. And, third, we want to continue to receive the Committee's advice on institutional or University-wide initiatives.

We believe that dual session construct will move us toward these objectives. Within the institution we will insure linkages between the two sessions by having the Chairman of Computer Sciences and the Director of the Center for Information Technology involved with both sessions.

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Don Kennedy, the Vice Presidents, the Deans and I are grateful for the time devoted by Committee members to Stanford's programs. We look forward to seeing you and your colleagues again soon.

Sincerely,

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Albert H. Hastorf Vice President and Provost

Attachment

Copies w/attachment:

Members of the Advisory Committee
Lawrence Crowley
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Donald Kennedy
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